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STORY SO FAR

Nocturne, High Priestess of Abaddon, Incarnation of the Abyss, has captured Lady Death and her companions. As they suffer in her loathsome prison, she and her army of night creatures prepare for the dawn of the Dark Millennium...

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NOCTURNE'S
TEMPLE OF
ETERNAL NIGHT--

--AND THE LIVING
DUNGEON BELOW...

SHHHHHHGGGGGG

SHWAP

KLATCH

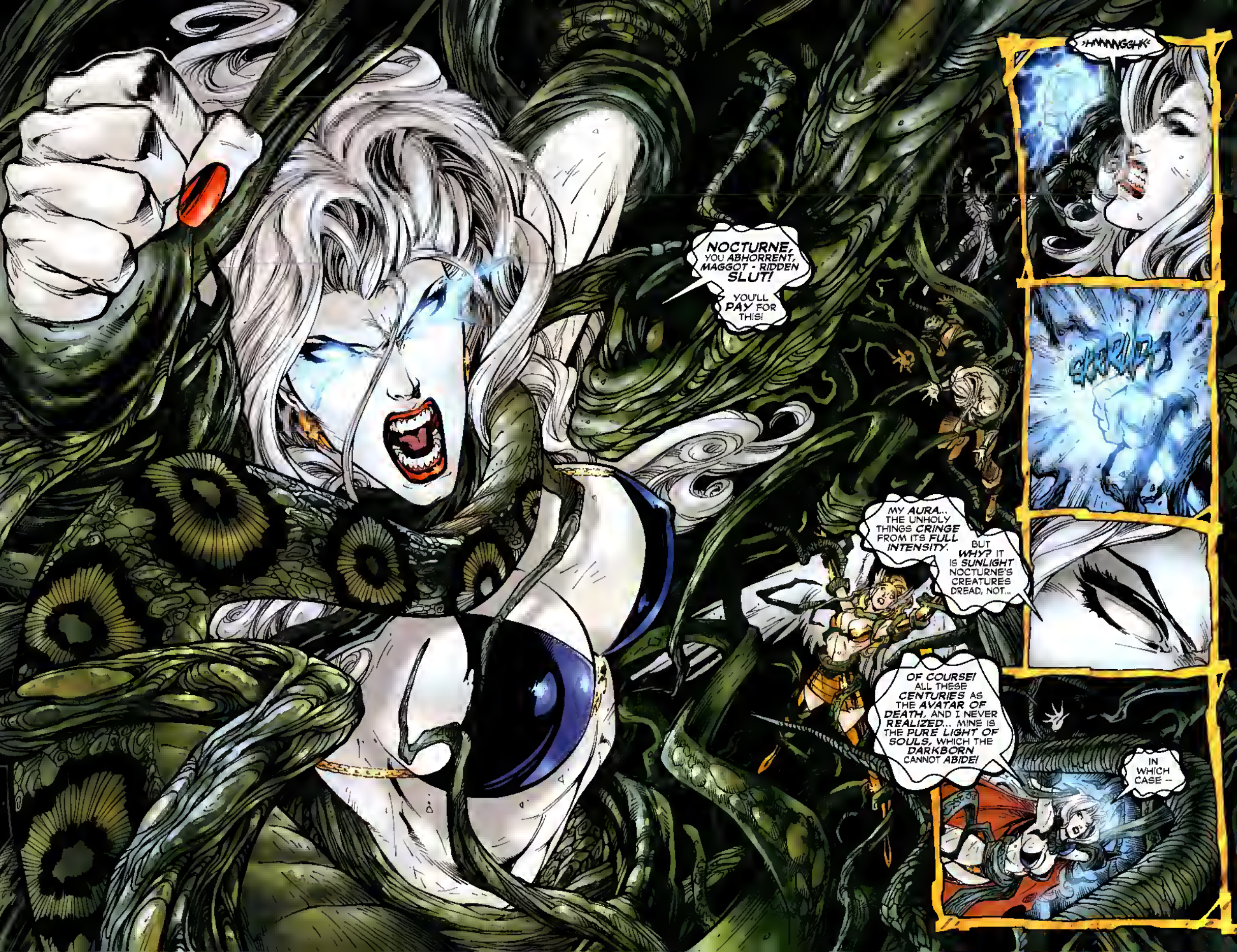
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NOCTURNE,
YOU ABHORRENT,
MAGGOT - RIDDEN
SLUT!

YOU'LL
PAY FOR
THIS!

MY AURA...
THE UNHOLY
THINGS CRINGE
FROM ITS FULL
INTENSITY.

BUT
WHY? IT
IS SUNLIGHT
NOCTURNE'S
CREATURES
DREAD, NOT...

OF COURSE!
ALL THESE
CENTURIES AS
THE AVATAR OF
DEATH, AND I NEVER
REALIZED... MINE IS
THE PURE LIGHT OF
SOULS, WHICH THE
DARKBORN
CANNOT ABIDE!

IN
WHICH
CASE -


--LET
THERE BE
LIGHT!

SHANNK

SOOF

GNRK

CRANK



IT SEEMS
THAT ABOVE
A CERTAIN
BRIGHTNESS,
NOCTURNE'S MINIONS
CANNOT STAND THE
ENERGIES OF
MY MYSTIC
HALO.

VANDALA,
GIVE ME YOUR
HAND.

I'M
CHARGING
YOUR BODY
WITH MY OWN
MYSTIC
ENERGY.

YOU
SHOULD ALL BE
PROTECTED NOW,
AT LEAST TO A
DEGREE.

OUR
FIRST PRIORITY
MUST BE TO FIND
AND RESCUE
CREMATOR.

ONCE THAT
IS DONE, I
WILL DEAL WITH
NOCTURNE.

TIME
IS SHORT.
WE'LL HAVE TO
SPLIT UP AND
SEARCH IN
TEAMS.

BUT
FIRST...



WE
MUST **HURRY**,
BEFORE NOCTURNE
LEARNS OF OUR
ESCAPE.



HOPEFULLY,
THE HALOS WILL
INTERFERE WITH
YOUR **DETECTION**
BY ANY **MAGICKAL**
WARDS NOCTURNE
HAS ERECTED
IN THIS PLACE
AS WELL.

SHORTLY...

UHMMM...

ODIN'S
BEARD!

HAVE
YOU ANY
IDEA OF THE
TIME, BROTHER
GORG? I
HUNGER.

CHANGING
OF THE
GUARD IS NOT
FOR SEVERAL
HOURS YET,
SLITHIS.

AND BY
THE ABYSS,
I'LL END YOUR
HUNGER BY
SEPARATING
YOUR GULLET
FROM YOUR GUT
IF YOU DON'T
STOP ASKING
ME THAT.

SHHHHHK!
WITH
THE AMOUNT
OF NOISE YE TWO
MAKE, 'TIS A WONDER
THE WHOLE CASTLE
ISN'T ALREADY
UPON US.

DAMNABLE
HALO.
AT
LEAST IT
STICKS TO
THE SKIN, AND
NOT MY
CLOAK...

STAY
HERE
AND FOR
MITHRA'S
SAKE, BE
QUIET

THAT
SHAYD'S A
SNEAKY LITTLE
BASTARD,
AIN'T HE?

HEY,
GRIMMIR...
YOU FEELING
OKAY?

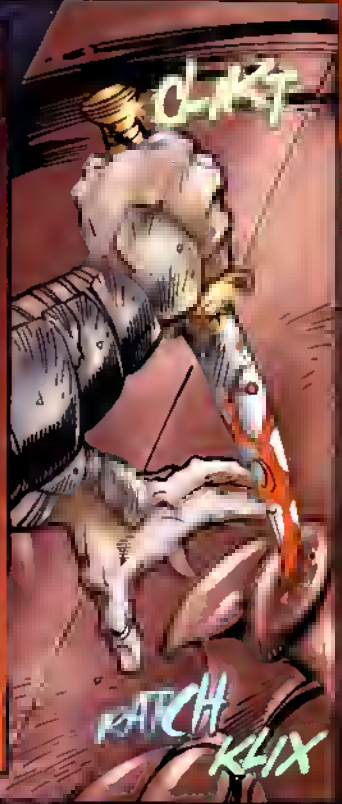
SOMETHING
ABOUT THE
LADY'S LIGHT
PAINS ME. I
KNOW NOT—

THUK

THUK

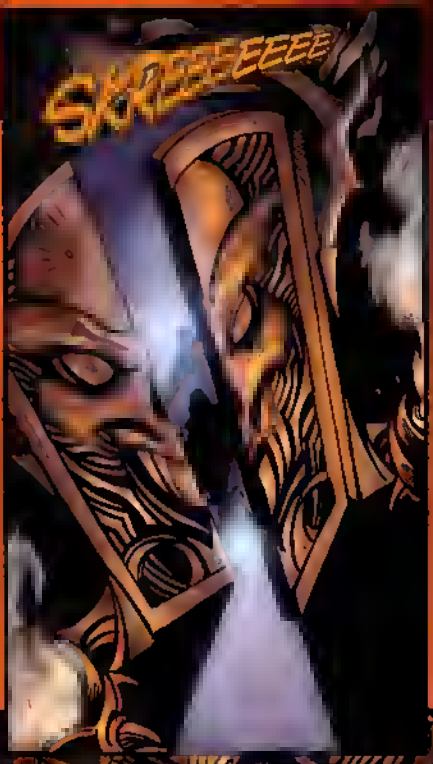


SO MUCH FOR THEM.



CLAT

KATCH KLIX



SKREEEEEEEE



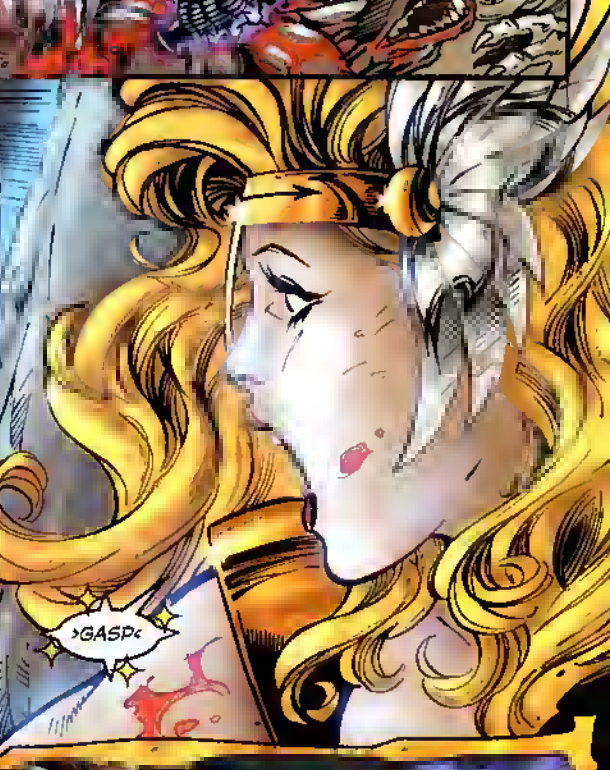
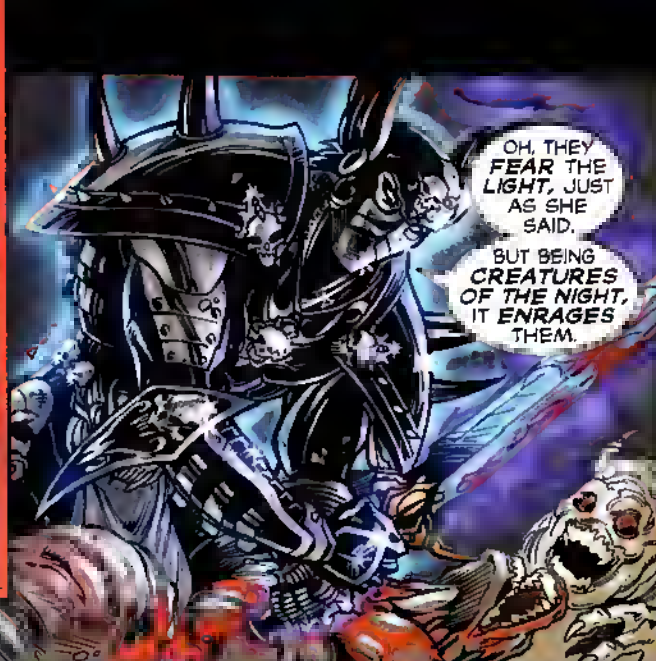
WELL THEN, WHAT HAVE WE HERE?



HE DOES SEEM AWFULLY GOOD AT THIS SORT OF THING, DOESN'T HE?



'TIS NOCTURNE'S GRIMOIRE. THESE ARE THE INVOCATIONS SHE USED TO SUMMON ABADDON...





HA!
I HAVE
BLOODED THE
KNIGHT!
NOW
I...



★



UUNHHH!
MY...
HEAD...



ATTACK!

HE IS
WEAKENED!

KILL HIM.
GUT HIM, GNAW
HIS BONES!



NOT
WHILE I
LIVE!

HURRK



MOST...
IMPRESSIVE...
LADY
VANDALA




HERE
LET ME TEND
TO YOUR
WOUNDS.

NO!
HAVE YOU
FORGOTTEN?
MY MEREST
TOUCH KILLS!




GIVE
ME YOUR
GAUNTLETS,
THEN THEY WILL
PROTECT
ME.

BY
THE ALL
FATHER...



AZRAEL! WE
THOUGHT
YOU FOREVER
LOST,
DEAD!



DEATH
WOULD BE
A WELCOME
RELEASE
FROM WHAT I
HAVE BECOME.
AZRAEL IS NO
MORE. I AM
RAVENHEART.

BUT
HOW...?

THERE
IS NO TIME
TO TELL THAT
TALE NOW. YOU
MUST SWEAR TO ME
THAT YOU WILL TELL
NO ONE WHO
I ONCE
WAS.

IF THAT IS
YOUR WISH,
THEN IT IS MY
COMMAND...



KRA SKOOM



CREMATOR...?



MILADY?

THEY
HAVE
DRAINED
ME...

...THE
LIVING
FIRE IN MY
VEINS...

...GONE...

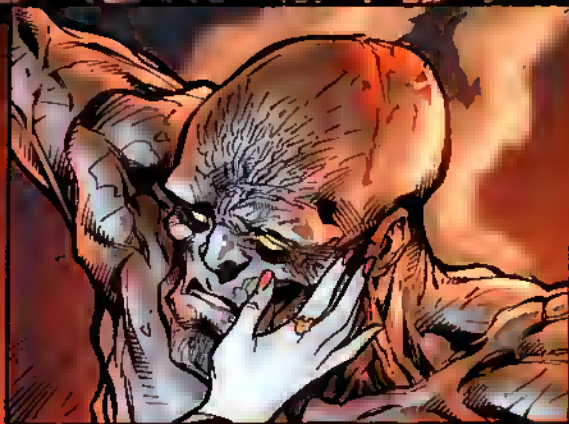
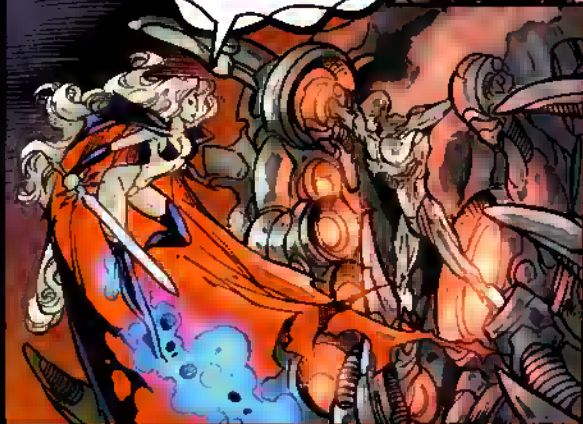
I HAVE
FAILED...
ALLOWED
MYSELF TO BE
CAPTURED... I AM
NOT WORTHY
OF SERVING
YOU...

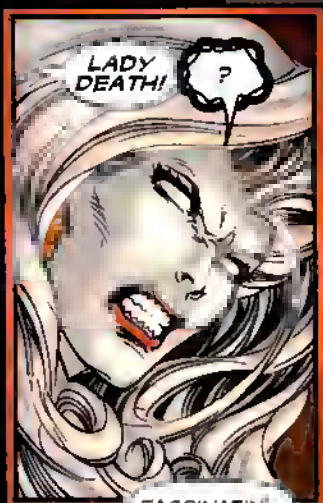
BY
ALL THE
GODS --

-- WHAT
HAVE THEY
DONE TO
YOU?!

BE
SILENT, OLD
FRIEND.

I WOULD
SLAY ANYONE
ELSE WHO DARED
SAY SUCH A
THING OF YOU.





LADY DEATH!

?

FASCINATIN...

WE
DISCOVERED
NOCTURNE'S
PRIVATE
SANCTUM.
WE HAVE HER
GRIMOIRE!

AND A
FLOORPLAN
OF THE
TEMPLE!

BROCK,
IF ANYONE
CAN UNDERSTAND
THIS ARCAINE
MACHINERY, IT IS
YOU. CAN YOU
FIND A WAY TO
RESTORE
CREMATOR TO
NORMAL?

BUT
HEY, WE'RE
TALKING 'BOUT
CREMATOR,
HERE.

I'M
ON IT.

GOOD.

NOW
ALL THAT
REMAINS
IS --

(MMNEH)
I'D HAVE
TO OVERRIDE
THE MYSTIC
INTERLOCKS...
RECONFIGURE
THE AETHERIC
FLUX MANIFOLD...
REVERSE THE
POWER FLOW WITH-
OUT BREAKING THE
CONTAINMENT
SPELL...

MIGHT
TAKE A WHILE.
WHOLE THING
COULD GO
BLOOEY.

NOCTURNE!



THOU
INDEED TO
THREATEN ME
HERE, OF ALL
PLACES.

THE
TEMPLE'S MAIN
CATHEDRAL...

COME
AND MEET
YOUR
DEATH!





THIS
IS MY
PLACE OF
POWER!

BUT IF
THY DESIRE
FOR DOOM
IS SO GREAT,
VERY
WELL.

I
ACCEPT THY
CHALLENGE!

THEN IT
IS YOU WHO
ARE THE FOOL,
NOCTURNE!

YOUR
SORCEROUS
POWERS MAY
BE FORMIDABLE,
BUT I WAS
BRED FOR
COMBAT!

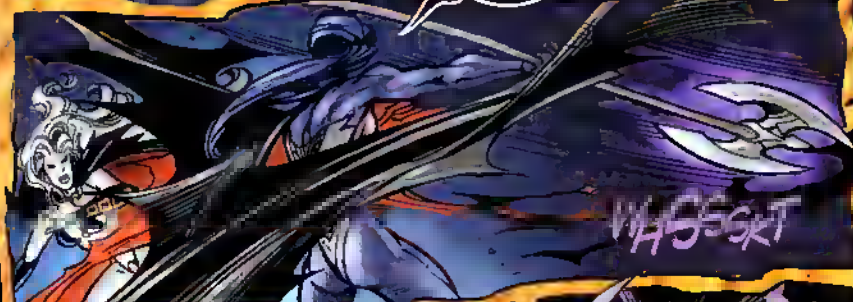


THOU
THINK I
COME TO
THIS BATTLE
ALONE?

ABADDON!
LET THY CLOAK
OF DARKNESS
DESCEND!

A
WARRIOR
THOU MAY BE,
BUT EVEN THOU
CANNOT FIGHT
WHAT YOU CANNOT
SEE -

-- WHILE
BLACKEST
NIGHT IS MY
NATURAL
ELEMENT!



WAGSXT



(HUNGH)



(AHGHK)



AHA
HAHAHA
HA!

ARROGANT
ONE!
HOW
DOES IT
FEEL TO BE
HELPLESS
AND WITHOUT
HOPE?



I
WOULDN'T
KNOW.

YOU
HAVE MADE A
FATAL ERROR,
NOCTURNE.

I WAS
RAISED IN
HELL; I AM NO
STRANGER TO
DARKNESS.

AND NOW
THAT MY EYES
HAVE ADJUSTED,
IT IS YOU WHO
WILL SOON KNOW
DESPAIR!



(FEH)
YOU MAY WATCH
AS I SLAY
YOU!

KTANG

I THINK
NOT

--BUT
DIE!

(HAAGK)

BEHOLD --

DISEASED
WHORE!
SPAWN OF
VERMIN!

--YOUR
MESSIAH!

KWHAK

NO!

I AM
THE HIGH
PRIESTESS OF
ABADDON --

-- AND I
WILL --

KTANG

YOU WILL DO
NOTHING

ARE YOU
WATCHING,
REAPER? I HAVE
DONE AS YOU
DEMANDED.
NOCTURNE
NO LONGER
THREATENS
THIS WORLD.
NOW I
RETURN TO
CREMATOR...
AND PRAY BROCK
HAS BEEN
SUCCESSFUL.

BROCK! WE
MUST HURRY!
LADY DEATH HAS
SLAIN NOCTURNE,
AND HER SUBJECTS
ARE RIOTING!

KEEP
YER PANTS
ON, KID. I'M
JUST ABOUT
DONE.
HERE GOES
NOTHIN'...

SKLIX

YES!
YES!
I... BURN...
AGAIN!

LET THIS
FOUL TEMPLE
AND ALL
WITHIN IT...
... BE OBLITERATED
FOREVERMORE!

WE MUST
DEPART.

VASSAGO!
TO ME!

RIDE FOR
WINTERHAVEN. I
WILL JOIN YOU
SHORTLY.

THERE IS
ONE MORE
THING TO BE
DONE HERE.

REAPER!
THE ETERNAL
SCYTHE,
IF YOU
PLEASE!

NO...
NO!

THE
LIGHT...

WINTERHAVEN,
LADY DEATH'S
STRONGHOLD...

DAMNATION!

FAUUUGH!

WHAT
DID SHE
FIND IN THAT
BOOK?

LET'S
TAKE A
PEEK.

UH-
OH...

WHAT?!

LOOKS
LIKE WE,
UM, KINDA...
WELL...
FAILED.

NOCTURNE
WAS **NEVER** THE
TRUE THREAT, BUT
MERELY **ABADDON'S**
UNWITTING
CATSPAWE.

SHE BELIEVED
SHE **CONTROLLED**
HIM, BUT ONCE SHE
LOOSED THE **INCARNATION
OF THE ABYSS** UPON
THE EARTH, HER BELIEF
WAS ONLY A
DELUSION.

DESPITE HER
DESTRUCTION, THE
DARK MILLENNIUM
WILL COME REGARDLESS,
UNLESS I FIND A WAY
TO **DEFEAT** AN ENEMY
I CAN **NEITHER**
FIGHT NOR FULLY
COMPREHEND.

REAPER! IF
EVER I **NEEDED**
YOUR GUIDANCE,
IT IS **NOW!**

REAPER...?

LAST WRITES

Dear fiends,

It's that time again! Time for more fiendish thoughts from the bread and butter of our world, the Chaos! Comics fans. As I'm writing these words to you and searching for content to include in this letters page I'm realizing that Lady Death: Dark Millennium #2 hit stores only 1 week prior to me composing this letters page. It was in that issue that I first asked you to send your comments and, as a result, I don't have as much content as I'd like to include in this here page about the Lady Death: Dark Millennium series. By the time this issue gets in your hands I'm certain my mailbox will be flooded and I'm looking forward to it! I want to know what you thought of the Lady Death's first series: Dark Millennium. Tell me now so everyone can read about it later in Lady Death's next series. A signed copy of Lady Death: Dark Millennium #1, signed by Brian Pulido awaits those of you who get your letter published in any of Lady Death's books.

A Few Words From the Editor

It's my belief that the letters page belongs to the reader and as such, I prefer the content come from you, the fans, rather than me, the Managing Editor. I guess today I'll steal a bit of the limelight to point out some of my favorite events in the series. I'll keep it brief and I'll allow you readers to swipe your page back in its entirety next time. Here were my favorite elements from Lady Death: Dark Millennium #3:

- 1) Death's coronation which results in Lady Death's rebirth
- 2) The hints that the future holds in issue #1.
- 3) The villains. I love villains!!
- 4) Cremator's plight.
- 5) Lady Death's first meeting with Asteroth post Armageddon.

- 6) Pagan's curse to be a dog.

A Word From a Fan

The first response to the Lady Death: Dark Millennium #2 letters page came from Joshua Heffron and thus it is his letter that will be featured in this issue because he was so speedy about contacting us! Joshua writes:

Dear Chaos! Crew,

I'm a new fiend and fan of Cremator, Purgatori and Lady Death. The art is always phenomenal; top notch. Now that Attermath is over, what will happen to Lady Death and Cremator? Will they finally get back together? What will happen to Lady Death's sister - taken over by Purgatori? Where is Lucifer and his generals? What will happen with Lady Demon, Asteroth and the rest of the Lady Death entourage i. e. Pagan, Vassago, the Nameless Wolves? Evil Ernie died in grand fashion! Who is Nouturne? Where did she come from? What's going on with Pandemonium? Who is this new rad dude Ravenheart with the all black armour? Since I started reading Chaos!, I fell in love instantly with the artwork and the stories are all awesome.

It appears that Joshua wants to know an awful lot about about almost everyone in the Chaos! Universe. Most likely, he knows I can't answer these questions. All I'm willing to say is if you liked the Lady Death: Dark Millennium series, you're in for a treat from this point forward.

A note from Joshua about Steven Hughes:

I just wanted to extend my heartfelt condolences to the family of Steven Hughes. I love Steven's artwork and I will really miss looking at his incredible pencils. It is a very sad loss, but in a brief time we got to experience his incredible artwork and it was an

honor to experience the art of a very talented artist!!! I will miss you Steven.

Sincerely,

Heffron. Fiend for life.

We miss him too my friend...

Name Lady Death's Letters page contest is still open. Go back and read issue #1 again to find out what the prize is or read it because it was a damn good comic book.

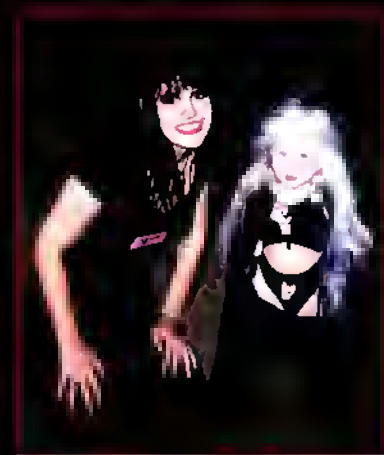
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Talk to you next issue. Better yet, talk to me. My challenge for you this time is to send letters that guess what the future will behold for Lady Death. Don't ask me what's going to happen this time. Tell me what you think will occur.

Fiends reign above all!



This young lady has some high aspirations I think. Everyone has to start somewhere.

Next

Lady Death:

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Pittsburgh, PA

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International
San Diego CA

August 4- 6
Vizcon
Cleveland

Eternal Toys in Spring

This Spring, Eternal Toys hits the ground running with releases that will thrill both Chaos! Fiends as well as toy collectors around the globe. First up is the Dark Alliance Series 1 action figure assortment which features Chastity, Purgatori, Jade and Lucifer. Trust us Fiends, these figures, designed by the lunatics at Art Asylum are down to the detail true representations of your favorite Chaos! characters, right down to the correct size scaling - Lucifer stands a good head taller than all the others! Gorgeous in their detail, these figures are going to appeal to more than just Chaos! Fiends.

Also this Spring is the 18" miniature version of Lady Death's sword, Darkness. The first in a series, this full-metal, polished sword is a perfect desktop accessory or wall-mounted piece of art that is sure to start many conversations or be the object of deep envy from your friends. It's a good time to be a Chaos! Fiend!

Lady Death Pin-Up Book in May!

When you think of Lady Death artists, there's one name that always floats to the top, right? Steven Hughes. Steven's been here from day one, lending his pencils to the original designs for the Diva of Death by Brian Pulido with evocative, sensual, and powerful results. So when it came time to put together a pinup book of classic Lady Death art, it was a no-brainer to collect several classic images from Steven and gather them together between two covers.

From classic, early images of Lady Death featuring some of her most sensual poses to his more powerful depictions of her from her Crucible days, this collection features Steven's best. "We wanted to gather Steven's images of Lady Death together under one cover to allow his fans to have them all in one collection," says Pulido. "It's going to be a real treat to get all of these gorgeous images back out in the public eye again, and show just what a phenomenal talent Steven is."

Now that she's at the cusp of her Dark Millennium odyssey, this is the perfect way to celebrate the Diva of Death's past while looking toward her future. Grab a copy in May and prepare to be once again wowed by the power of Steven's pencils. You'll be glad you did.

Infinity Launches

You've heard the rumors, now its time to spill the beans - Brian Pulido will launch Infinity Comics in June with Counter-Strike, the first in a long line of comics aimed at a wide audience. Counter-Strike is written by Len Kaminski, penciled by Ivan Reis, inked by Joe Pimentel and colored by Jason Jensen.

Robin Hunter comes from an affluent family. But her family's business is destroyed by infamous corporate raider, Gabriel Blackwell, on the eve of her college graduation. To solve her family's financial troubles, Robin launches a successful online venture, a high-tech spy goods store, with her brother Matt. Using their spy knowledge, Robin and Matt lead a successful counter attack on Blackwell, effectively dismantling his empire, but he escapes and remains

at large. Left with an obsessive desire for revenge against large corporations that screw the little guy, Robin and Matt open Sabotage, the world's most sophisticated revenge for hire company.

Make no mistake though Fiends - Infinity isn't just an imprint or a side vanity project. We're doubling the commitment and tripling our efforts to launch Infinity as its' own company! "Infinity is a wholly separate company from Chaos! Comics, and will be treated as such," Brian says. "We're publishing distinctly non super-heroic heroic adventures in genres that span action, adventure, fantasy, sci-fi and the supernatural. We are dealing with the 'heroic' point of view, but in a more contemporary way, aimed at the widest audience possible.

While we want current comic book readers to pick up Infinity titles, we're also crafting them so they will appeal to readers new to comics. Much in the same way The Matrix appealed to hard-core science fiction fans as well as fans of good, heroic, adventure driven movies, Infinity titles will appeal across the board to readers and fans of many genres.

"As we are looking to reach a much wider audience, we're looking at new ideas for getting comic books into the public's hands - making them available to our target audience where they're at, rather than forcing them to come looking for us, which, time has shown, doesn't work."

From before its official debut, Infinity has been working closely with many key studios and producers in Hollywood, both producing content for possible adaptation into

other forms of media, and expanding content from studios.

"While saying we're 'breaking the rules' is a much overused hyperbole in today's market, we're using Infinity to expand the mass market's perception of what a comic book is about," Pulido says. "The best way to describe Infinity is to think of a motion picture studio on paper."

Following the June debut, expect to see one to two mini-series running every month. "We're going to work with the mini-series format because it gives the audience what they're looking for in a story, something lacking in many comics today - a simple structure with a beginning, middle and end," Pulido says. "This approach also gives us the opportunity to work with many different creators and properties in a relatively short period of time."

For its' first year, Infinity will utilize known creators from the comic book field, but will expand its creator base by the end of the first year, adding noted screenwriters and producers to its' stable.

"We're interested in telling character-driven stories that strike a chord with a large audience," Pulido says. "With Infinity, our tagline is 'the possibilities are endless'. Infinity isn't Chaos!, nor is it like any other comic company out there. We feel that difference, along with the stories we tell will be embraced by comic fans as well as a new audience that is looking for high quality stories and art - full-blown blockbuster movies in comic book form."

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